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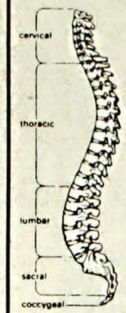

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THE LEMON GROVE REVIEW

Skating East County

by Jason Williams

Most people agree that it is a good idea to build skateboard parks and remove the skaters out of shopping malls and other illegal locations.

Skate shops, city councilman and mayors all endorse new skate parks, yet also concur that skateboarding is a hazardous sport which requires protective gear.

Community members and some small businesses can tolerate neither the skaters nor the parks which could take them off the streets.

Between these two opposing sides, skateboarders are left to fend off the labels and associations which come with their sport as well as to decide whether to skate illegally or not skate at all.

"Any person riding a skateboard or in-line-skaters in this facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads and knee pads. Any person failing to do so will be subject to citation."

This was posted at the new Santee Skate Park, located at Woodglen Park, on Woodglen Avenue off Magnolia.

This warning stood out in red and glared down on the crowd of skaters, parents and community members at the opening of the Santee skate park on Sept. 25.

Skate parks are a new movement to cut down on the skating in restricted regions by giving the skaters somewhere they can skate legally.

Pro skaters, representing Sol Boarding Supply, gave a 10-minute demonstration on tricks, but did not prove that their pro status earned them the right to skateboard without the aid of helmets, elbow pads or knee pads – setting the example to the anxious crowd that pro skaters are immune to pavement and blunt force trauma.

The pros escaped without injury and were rudely hurried off the stage by the host of the event.

A t-shirt reading "Skateboarding is not a crime" was given away as a prize prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, but, perhaps, the shirt should have read "Skateboarding is not a crime in skate parks," seeing as how boards are banned on practically every other surface.

"They're not getting rid of skateboards, they're here to stay. If they go, it will be because the kids lost interest," said Ed Perry, owner of Pop's Soda Fountain in Spring Valley.

Perry was commenting on the restrictions against skateboarding and the harassment skaters get from community members and the police.

Perry feels that the reason many conflicts arise between the police and skaters is because there is not adequate space being provided

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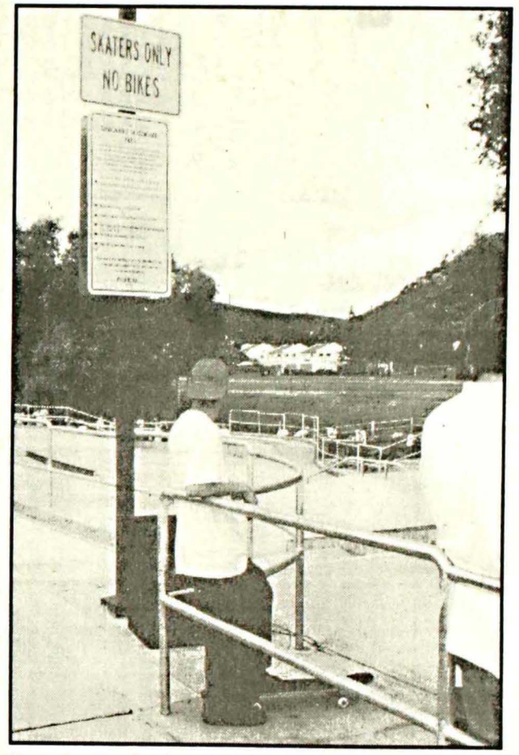

Santee's new skateboard (and in-line skate) park, dedicated last week, is currently the only one in East County. Parks are being sought in other East County communities.

Photo by Jason Williams

Community Notes

Crime prevention forums slated

Bi-monthly forums covering a wide range of crime prevention and **other informative** topics will be presented by the Lemon Grove Sher**iff's Station** Crime Prevention Unit on the first and third Thursdays of **the month**, beginning with "Elder Abuse" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the **Lemon** Grove Recreation Center.

A guest speaker from the Sheriff Department's Fraud Unit will discuss the types of abuse seniors may be subjected to, and there will also be a speaker from the San Diego County Conservatorship and Decedent Estate Administration. The Oct. 15 forum will cover "Domestic Violence."

EDCO honored for environmental innovation

The California Integrated Waste Management Board gave the 1998 WRAP (Waste Reduction Awards Program) awards in conjunction with Pollution Prevention Week.

EDCO Disposal is San Diego's largest family owned and operated waste collection company, with the county's largest recycling facility. EDCO promotes waste prevention and recycling through a newsletter, the Environmental Times, distributed to customers. The company saved approximately $25,000 by salvaging debris from a demolition project at one of its sites, recycling the scrap metal and allowing a construction recycling company to collect sheet metal siding, pipes and lumber for reuse.

EDCO's computer and voice-mail systems also significantly cut down the company's use of office paper.

Local dentist named chair of vision group

Robert B. Sanet, O.D., of Lemon Grove was recently named chair of the American Optometric Association's Sports Vision Association.

Sanet is a consultant to professional and Olympic athletes.

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The group regularly sponsors sports vision screenings at the AAU Junior Olympic Games and at the Special Olympics.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

Aug. 31, 1998
8000 blk. Palm Ave. Incoherent.
2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Fall.
1600 blk. Taft St. Abdominal pains.
Grove St./North Ave. Vehicle fire.
Hwy 94 WB/Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.
Broadway/Massachusetts Ave. Traffic accident.
1800 blk. Alpine Blvd. Medical aid.
7000 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Diabetic problem.
1300 blk. Viejas View Ln. Laceration.

Sept. 1, 1998
9700 blk. Riverview Ave. Move up.
Wildcat Canyon Rd./Willow Rd. Vehicle accident.
12500 blk. Royal Rd. Medical aid.
Stonefield Dr./Farraday Ridge Rd. High wildland.
Marian St./University Ave. Fuel spill.
2000 blk. El Dora St. Possible stroke.
2800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Unknown medical.
3200 blk. College Pl. Alarms ringing.
8000 blk. Broadway. Child locked in auto.
Federal Blvd./College Ave. Vegetation fire.

Sept. 2, 1998
3600 blk. King St. Medical aid.
7900 blk. Palm St. Alarms ringing.
3200 blk. Olive St. Seizure.

Sept. 3,1 998
3200 blk. College Pl. Medical aid.
3200 blk. College Pl. Alarms ringing.
1700 blk. Dupont Dr. Chest pains.
7100 blk. Broadway. Vehicle fire.
8200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fall.
Hwy 94 EB/Spring St. Vehicle accident.
8300 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.
3200 blk. Broadway. Choking victim.
3200 blk. College Pl. Alarms ringing.

Sept. 4, 1998
2200 blk. Debco Dr. Unresponsive.
3500 blk. Sweetwater Way. Medical aid.
900 blk. Cardiff St. Child locked in auto.
3400 blk. Main St. Assault victim.
Hwy 94/Massachusetts Ave. Traffic accident.
Hwy 125/Spring St. Vehicle fire/freeway.
Buena Vista Ave./North Ave. Rubbish fire.
2500 blk. Mulder St. Medical aid.
7900 blk. Palm St. Fall.

Sept. 5, 1998
8300 blk. Garnet Ct. Assault victim.
3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle fire.
3200 blk. College Pl. Fall.—
Canton Dr./Skyline dr. Vehicle accident.
7100 blk. West View Pl. Suicide/attempted suicide.
7400 blk. Daytona St. Assault victim.
7600 blk. Lawford Pl. Medical aid.
7300 blk. Canton Dr. Headache.

Sept. 6, 1998
7300 blk. Canton Dr. Public service.
7000 blk. Broadway. Evaluate for the Sheriff.
7300 blk. Canton Dr. Vomiting.
8000 blk. Broadway. Vehicle accident.
Skyline Dr./Canton Dr. Vehicle accident.
8200 blk. Lincoln St. Difficulty breathing.
Broadway/Kempf St. Traffic accident.

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1996-97 city budget:	$26.3 million
1996 taxable sales:	$265 million

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	Dwight Shelley
	Jill Greer
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Planning Director:	Linda Niles
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77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisorial district:
2nd - Dianne Jacob

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Parks	4
Recreation centers	1

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Sept. 9, 1998
1600 blk. San Altos. Petty theft. $294 value.

Sept. 10, 1998
7500 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. $42 value.
3400 blk. Citrus Ave. Petty theft. $218 value.

Sept. 11, 1998
8100 blk. Lincoln St. Petty theft. $200 value.

Sept. 14-15, 1998
7100 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. $15,000 value.
7000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. $45 value.

Sept. 15, 1998
7100 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. Value unknown.
7100 blk. Westview Pl. Auto theft. $6,000 value.
7400 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. $5,000 value.

Sept. 16, 1998
8100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Residential burglary. $4,000 value.
7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. $5,000 value.
7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Value unknown.

Sept. 16-17, 1998
7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Vehicle burglary. $140 value.

Sept. 18, 1998
3300 blk. Buena Vista Ave. Auto theft. Value unknown.

Sept. 19, 1998
8000 blk. Sarawak Dr. Auto theft. Value unknown.

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to make up for all of the restricted regions, so the kids have no where to skate but the places they are not supposed to be.

"Kids would rather be in skate parks," said Perry.

Ryan Veillette from Retro Sports in La Mesa agreed the skate parks are a good idea and keeps kids out of trouble.

Mike Bornstein, owner of Retro Sports, said that the parks are very positive.

Perry added that skateboarding is restricted in so many areas because it is new. He said that most communities have accepted the image that skateboarders are a "bad element." and associated with drugs, baggy pants and trouble-making kids, when, in most cases, it is merely a sport which has not been officially recognized.

Skating is a great cardiovascular workout and tends to keep kids in shape and out of trouble, he added.

"Skateboarding is also a great way to get around," said Tony Cantor, owner of Global Soul. He added that the big problem is adults have unfounded beliefs.

Perry commented, that like anything, it depends on the individual, noting that it only takes one bad apple to turn everyone against skateboarding.

He asked that people shouldn't condemn all skaters because of the actions by the few, that everyone should be treated as an individual.

Skateboarding goes against the norm," said Robert Couts, assistant manager at Retro, "old people – new things."

The team at Retro sports agreed that skateboarding does chip cement and can cause damage, but the simple solution to that is to build more skate parks.

El Cajon City Councilman Mark Lewis said that the reason for sidewalk restrictions is it is a safety factor for pedestrians using them.

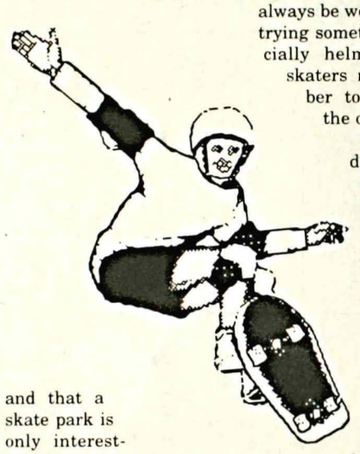
Whether or not skate parks will deter illegal skating, Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom thought they help.

Lewis added that in certain degrees, there will always be illegal skating, noting that the boarders often skate on the rails at El Cajon City Hall and that there is also the dare of skating illegally.

The shop owners and skaters tend to agree with the councilman.

Veillette commented that street skating is different from park skating.

Couts then added that there are too many skaters



and that a skate park is only interesting for a limited time.

Skate parks are now more easily constructed in conjunction with the ruling that skateboarding is a hazardous activity; this puts the liability on the skater rather than the city.

That decision makes extreme liability insurance no longer needed to build the parks and, therefore, cuts the cost dramatically.

Cantor, whose skate shop is in Spring Valley, agrees with the ruling that skateboarding is a hazardous activity if done incorrectly.

He said gear should always be worn if a skater is trying something new, especially helmets, and that skaters need to remember to watch out for the other guy.

It's up to the individual and depends on what they are doing, Cantor added.

Mayor Sessom said it is hazardous because of all the tricks and the lack of a safe area to skate.

Veillette added the comment that it depends on how you skate. You could play ping-pong and break your wrist. He does agree that protective gear is necessary, but noted that all sports are hazardous if not done correctly.

Councilman Lewis said

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Bail *n.* A fall to avoid possible slam. *v.* **1.** To get out of an unmakeable situation by purposely not making a trick. Usually due to a timing error or mistake. **2.** To step or jump off your board to avoid possible slam or injury.

Barge *v.* To skate or just go where you are not wanted, or where that chance is possible. i.e. "No one was home, and the sign said not to skate, but we barged anyway."

Curb, Cut *n.* A curb incline, often found on the outer edges of a driveway, which is used to launch ollies. Also found at wheelchair ramps.

Carve *v.* **1.** To turn when all four wheels are in contact with the riding surface. **2.** To turn in a pool or bowl corner in the same way, with all four wheels on the surface. **3.** To perform an aerial in an arc, that is, as opposed to straight up and down.

Deck *n.* The laminated (usually) piece of wood that is cut to different shapes as the standing surface of a skateboard.

Grind *n.* A trick done on any sharp lip where the truck comes in contact with the edge of the pool, curb, ramp, etc. *v.* To grind a rail.

Hip *n.* The junction of two banks, transitions or angled riding surfaces which meet at an angle, usually anywhere from slight (30 degrees) to right (90 degrees). These angles are ridden, grinded and flown over.

Hipper *n.* A large, painful strawberry bruise on the hip which often becomes a hematoma, which is a swelling of blood. Avoid at all cost.

Ollie *n.* A fundamental trick in which skaters crouch to gain power then lift their bodies, sliding the front foot up after snapping the tail. The board is propelled into midair as the skater continues to slide up the front foot, holding a tucked position while going back down.

Slam *n.* A fall, usually accompanied by minor or major injury, which is unexpected (i.e. the skater makes the commitment to the trick and doesn't realize his mistake until he slams).

Truck *n.* The two parts of the skateboard which connect the deck with the wheels and provide the turning capabilities for the board.

Tweak *v.* To bend, contort, or otherwise move the body and board during a skateboard maneuver.

"Pops" Perry chills with some of the skaters who frequent his ice cream shop near Spring Valley Middle School.

Photo by Mistie Shaw

the park could help decrease injuries by giving novice skaters a place where they can go to watch and learn from more advanced skaters, before trying to go out on their own.

"I applaud Santee," he said. "It's a process of educating people before they fall down and hurt something."

Part of the danger in skating, which makes it a hazardous sport, is the terrain where the skaters choose to skate.

Attempting to find an area which is skateable, but serves as enough of a challenge to be interesting, often puts skaters at risk.

Veillette said skaters tend to be attracted by open areas such as parking lots or schools as well as areas with curbs, stairs, inclines and other surfaces complementary to tricks and for the skate park to be successful it depends on making what's available attractive for the skaters.

Sessom said that giving the skaters someplace else to go, should help the skaters benefit not only from a hassle free zone for skating, but it will also keep community curbs and sidewalks in better shape.

When skaters grind along the edges of curbs, the skate wheel truck units of their boards come into contact with the cement, chipping away the edge and wearing down walkways where skating occurs frequently.

Having skate parks will keep businesses happier, the Lemon Grove mayor said.

Cantor noted that there are a load of unofficial meccas for skating throughout East County, places which were built for skateboarding.

For fear of police surveillance should their illegal skate havens be known, Cantor and other skaters were reluctant to divulge any locations for print, but only that they are there in abundance and frequently used.

Cantor said that with more legal areas, these secret retreats would not be necessary.

Whether the answer is more parks or looser restrictions, something needs to be done because, as Cantor said, "without a doubt" the number of skateboarders is growing steadily, and people are seeing what we do.

Veillette said Retro Sports has witnessed a surge of new kids buying boards as well as parents coming in and asking what they should buy for their children to get started.

More skate shops are opening up across the county, as well as already existing shops expanding into chains.

With the proliferation of skaters comes an increase in illegal skating across the county and the problem promises to get worse.

"They should open a park around here," said a customer at Pop's Soda Fountain in Spring Valley. "There are a lot of skaters."

Perry and Cantor both mentioned the attempt at getting a skate park in Spring Valley which was scheduled to open in conjunction with the new school year, but the plans fell through and nothing else was heard about the park.

"When you tell kids you're going to do something, you do it, or die trying, said Perry. He also expressed his disdain at the lack of follow through with the park and the let down it was for the kids which frequent his ice cream shop.

The local kids get along well with Perry who allows them to skate in front of his shop in lieu of a park, much to the chagrin of his neighboring businesses.

The local police frequently harass the kids in front of Perry's store but he tells them they are his guests and are allowed to skate on his property.

Perry is like a grandfather to his customers who call him "Pops."

Lewis remarked about plans for a park in El Cajon five years ago which fell through because of an inability to raise $80,000.

"I would like one," said Sessom, "but nobody wants it in their backyard."

Sports/Rec Notes

State lists East County runners among best

The state CIF office has noted that among cross country runners, Granite Hills' Jason Finch, who finished second in the state meet last year, has been listed among the top 50 runners in the country (both boys and girls) in *Harrier* magazine's pre-season poll for the current season.

In the preseason California cross country team "ratings" no East County teams were among the five listed in any division, although Valhalla and West Hills were mentioned as possible "break through" teams.

Among Div. I girls, Helix's Country Baird, Valhalla's Laura Trask and Elaine Lassen were mentioned as among the state's best. In Div. III, Kim Pac of Santana, who finished fifth in the state, was noted.

In addition to Finch, West Hills' Evan Fox was highlighted in Div. I boys.